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WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY.—For the Middle Atlantic States, slight rain or sleet, generally cloudy and slightly warmer weather, southeast to southwest winds, and lower barometer.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was generally disagreeable, threatening, and rainy. THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 32; 9 A. M., 34; noon, 37; 3 P. M., 38; 6 P. M., 34; midnight, 33. Mean temperature, 34.

The French Republic.

STORMY SCENE GROWING OUT OF THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PROSCRIPTION BILL IN THE CHAMBER.

The following description by a London Standard correspondent of the scene amid which the proscription bill was introduced by M. Fallieres in the French Chamber gives a good idea of party feeling in the republic. He began by stating that the republic was strong enough to allow the fullest latitude of discussion. The words were hardly out of his mouth when from the Right there broke out a peal of derisive laughter and angry counter-cries. M. Brisson, interposed to restore order, but with very little effect. The Minister went on to say that it was the duty of the Government to protect itself. It had not considered that it was necessary to exclude from French territory all members of the families that had reigned in France. It would only demand power to banish such persons as the Government considered likely by their conduct to constitute by their presence in France a danger to the public peace.

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LOCAL MATTERS.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

Hon. Henry Heaton, member of the Senate from Loudoun, and Judge C. E. Stuart, member of the House of Delegates from Alexandria, were in the city yesterday in connection with the Washington and Ohio railroad case, which is again in court here.

It is agreed on all hands that the case, too soon to commence preparing for our next Trades Parade. The gentlemen who were most active last year must come to the front again. The Chamber of Commerce will no doubt give them all the help they can. Let a move be at once made. The Board of Directors of the Chamber meet to-morrow evening.

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POKER, STICK, AND SAW.

Trail of Three Cases of Assault in the Hustings Court Yesterday. A Colored Prisoner Seizes a Specie—A Witness Detained Ferry Days in Jail—A Fool of a Client, &c., &c.—Thieves to be Tried To-day.

In the Hustings Court yesterday morning, Judge Atkins having taken his seat upon the bench, the case of Captain Blizard, a sea-faring man, was called to answer for an indictment charging him with feloniously assaulting the schooner's cook, William White (colored). The difficulty occurred on December 28th, and the Commonwealth's Attorney stated as one of the hardships of the law that while White, who had been badly beaten with jail for his appearance as a witness—being unable to give bail—accused had been out on bail and attending to his business, Mr. Foster defended Blizard, and to examine all the evidence accessible to them, and not to put any unnecessary restraint on the prosecution and cost of a trial. He did not ask them to solve all doubts against the accused.

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Gesungverein Virginia's Masquerade Carnival and Ball.

The weather last night was wet and dripping, and so cold that in the early evening many must have clung wherever it fell, and it undisturbed formed tiny icicles. Under foot it was slushy, just enough of water having fallen to make the mud soft and clinging, sticking to everything that touched it.

This was all bad, so far as the carnivals were concerned, for many attempts would have been on hand had the weather been nice and tempting, making the sidewalks fair for pedestrians and allowing everybody a chance to come out. As it was, however, before 9 o'clock the large drill-room of the Regimental Armory was partially filled with a crowd of masqueraders and spectators. Of the former it can be said that the costumes were of the regulation approved order, some of them being very original and unique, and all so completely answering the purpose of the masquerade that the identity of the wearers, it would be unfair to individualize, and in this case it will not be done. Thanks, however, must be returned to one of the masqueraders who personated a female. His sex was plainly the opposite, but the tender concern of the crowd for the masquerader's folks displayed such good taste that it cannot be overlooked, especially when a further consideration is remembered: meaning this, that one of the reporters became so overcome with the honor intended that he blushed beautifully, while another of the fourth estate was made happy when a lady friend, who was forced to his rescue to rebuke a seeming familiarity, thereby indicating that the reporter was not altogether beyond hope in that world in which jealousy reigns most furiously.

Another striking feature was this: Freddy Gelbach, humorously represented, almost too numerous, and in some cases in sable colors. It was not altogether a bad conceit, seeing that it is a good thing to feel rich for a minute even if you have not a cent, and better still to be the favorite of a famous beauty; though, for the sake of the masqueraders, the Lily Langtry was not so numerous as the squirrels in the Capital Square.

Everybody looked out for the decorations, it having gone forth to the world that all of the bare walls of the Armory drill-room would be hid from view for once at least. But the decorations were not that noteworthy the best authority had the fact that the dingy white-washed walls looked a somber-dreadful panorama to those who gazed upon the brilliant display.

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